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MAIL STOP PATENT APPLICATION

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450



Re: Application of Toru MATAMA
IMAGE PROCESSING APPARATUS
Assignee: **FUJI PHOTO FILM CO., LTD.**
Our Ref: Q77927

Dear Sir:

This is a request for a Continuation Application of pending prior Application No. 09/276,759 (Confirmation No. 2562) filed March 26, 1999 of Toru MATAMA entitled IMAGE PROCESSING APPARATUS, the above-noted application incorporated herein by reference in its entirety.

This application is being filed under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b). Enclosed is forty (40) pages of the specification, including the claims and abstract, five (5) sheets of drawings (Figures 1-6C) and a Preliminary Amendment. Also enclosed is a copy of the Declaration as filed in the prior application, a copy of the Assignment, and an Information Disclosure Statement along with PTO/SB/08 A & B (modified) (substitute for PTO Form 1449) listing references cited by the Applicant and/or the Examiner during prosecution of the prior application.

The prior application is assigned to Group Art Unit 2615.

Priority is claimed from:

<u>Country</u>	<u>Application No</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>
JAPAN	10-080910	March 27, 1998

The priority document was filed in parent Application No. 09/276,759. Receipt of the certified copy of the priority document was acknowledged in parent Application No. 09/276,759.



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CONTINUATION OF U.S. APPLICATION NO. 09/276,759
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Independent claims	<u>4</u>	-	<u>3</u>	=	<u>1</u>	x	\$86.00	=	<u>\$86.00</u>
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A check for the statutory fee of \$964.00 is attached. The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is attached.

The application is timely filed.

Respectfully submitted,

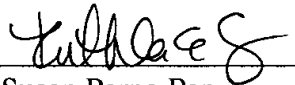
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